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SUBJECT: MEXICO AND CUBA TRADE POLICY

REF: A) STATE 023942; B) MEXICO 1131; C) MEXICO 1367;
D) MEXICO 1366

1. GIVEN THE TROUBLE-MAKING POSSIBILITIES OF THIS ISSUE,
I WANT TO BE SURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF
THE EXACT STATE OF PLAY AT THIS END. FOLLOWING RECEIPT
STATE 023942, I SAW RABASA ON FEBRUARY 6 AND FOUND HIM

ONLY MODERATELY HELPFUL AS REPORTED MEXICO 1131. HE DID NOT
ENCOURAGE ME TO SEE PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, AND I HAVE NOT
YET BEEN ABLE TO DO SO.

2. I RAISED MATTER AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 11 WHEN I ACCOMPANIED
JAMES THEBERGE OF ROCKEFELLER'S CRITICAL CHOICES COMMISSION
ON VISIT TO RABASA. LATTER SAID HE HAD GIVEN MY MESSAGE
TO THE PRESIDENT, BUT MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT. I INDICATED
I STILL WISHED TO SEE THE PRESIDENT AND HE SAID IT MIGHT BE
POSSIBLE NEXT WEEK.

3. WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN WITH PRESIDENT AS WELL AS
WITH UNDERSECRETARY BECKER WHO IS OBVIOUSLY KEY MAN
AT WORKING LEVEL. WE SEE NO CHANCE THAT MEXICANS WILL PULL
BACK ON THEIR INSISTENCE THAT U.S. FIRMS GO TO TRADE FAIR
AND BE PREPARED TO TAKE ORDERS (REFTELS C AND D). NOR ARE
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WE OPTIMISTIC WE CAN PERSUADE GOM KEEP MATTER ALL IN FAMILY

UNLESS WE CAN GIVE THEM SOME DATE BY WHEN REVIEW OF OUR CUBA
POLICY WILL BE COMPLETED.
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